

Section 1140 - Scavengers

1140.01. Defined. "Scavenger" means a person who cleans, pumps, removes, transports and disposes of the contents of any privy, privy box, cesspool, septic tank or other vault used as a part of a sanitary sewer system.

1140.03. License. Subdivision 1. General rule. No person shall act or render services as a scavenger within the city without first obtaining a scavenger license and paying the fee set by City Council resolution.

Subd. 2. Application. A person desiring to act or render services as a scavenger within the city shall make application for a license to the council. The application shall state:

- a) the name and address of the applicant;
- b) if the applicant is not an individual, the names and addresses of all officers or other persons in control of the firm or corporation making application; and,
- c) a description of the equipment which the applicant proposes to use for scavenging within the city.

Subd. 3. Bond. The application shall be accompanied by a bond conditioned upon compliance by the applicant with all applicable laws of the state and this code pertaining to the conduct of the business of a scavenger.

Subd. 4. Issuance: term. Upon approval of the application by the council, the clerk shall issue a license to the applicant the license expires on the June 30 next following. (Amended Ord. 2003-899)

1140.05. Equipment. Subdivision 1. Location. No scavenger shall place, store, keep or maintain any wagons, vehicles, receptacles, vessels or utensils used in connection with this business in any place in the city without first securing the written consent of all owners of property located within a radius of 200 feet of such location.

Subd. 2. Disposal. Substances removed from any privy, privy box, cesspool, septic tank or other vault used as part of a sanitary sewer system shall be conveyed to the place of disposal in tanks or other receptacles constructed of a metal or other non-porous material, provided with at least two manholes on the top thereof and an outlet at the bottom, adequately capped to prevent any leakage.

Subd. 3. Storage. No receptacle, tank or vehicle containing any substance such as described in subdivision 2 may be stored overnight in any place in the city.

1140.07. Spilling. No substances removed from any privy, privy box, cesspool, septic tank or other vault used as part of a sanitary sewer system shall be allowed to spill, splash, leak or become deposited on any public street or alley, nor on the surface of the ground.

1140.09. Disposal of waste material. No person shall deposit any substances subject to this section anywhere in the city except into the sanitary sewer system of the city. The substances may be discharged into the system only at the places and at the times designated by the superintendent of sewers and after the scavenger dumping fees set by City Council resolution are paid. Fees shall be paid into the sewer fund of the city. No substance of a solid nature, nor any rags or other material which may or are likely to cause the plugging of obstruction of such sewers shall be discharged into said sewer system, but shall be disposed of only after permission of the superintendent of sewers and in the manner and place that he designates. No waste material of any description or kind except that which is collected within the city limits shall be pumped or allowed into the sewer system anywhere in the city.

1140.11. Owner responsibility. No person shall employ any person other than a scavenger licensed by the city for the purpose of cleaning any privy vault, cesspool or septic tank situated on property within the city, owned, rented, operated or managed by such person.

1140.13. Penalties. Violation of this section is a misdemeanor. In addition, the license of the scavenger may be revoked by the manager if such scavenger has violated this section three or more times during any twelve month period. No part of the license fee paid by the scavenger shall be repaid.